

## WORK THAT IS BEING DONE. TRUE AMERICAN GENEROSITY.

### How the Railroads Are Preparing—Telegraph Companies—Shipping Interests.

No other interest has suffered so much as the railroads. The destruction of their property prevents the operation of trains during the season they earn the great bulk of their revenue, and from this cause they will lose millions of dollars.

The physical property loss will amount to millions of dollars. On Galveston island the wharves, tracks and warehouses are utterly destroyed and there are loaded freight cars scattered all around whose contents the roads will be called upon to make good. The three bridges across the bay have been destroyed, involving heavy loss. The Galveston, Houston and Henderson lost several miles of its track and the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe lost all its track south of the twelve-mile post. The Southern Pacific is the heaviest sufferer. Its fine wharf property in Galveston is in ruins; its Galveston, Houston and Northern bridge is in ruins, and between Seabrook and Virginia Point it lost all its tracks and bridges. In spite of this the roads are doing more than other interests. They are hauling free all the donations of goods for the flood sufferers and are transporting the indigent free of charge as far as St. Louis.

The next day after the subsidence of the storm the railways put big gangs at work repairing the damage. The Galveston, Houston and Northern expects to run cars into Virginia Point, the Galveston, Houston and Henderson will soon reach there and the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe expects to be at Virginia Point by Saturday.

The latter road has twenty cars of steel rails en route to the Houston East and West Texas to Houston. There is some talk of all roads joining together and putting up a joint bridge for temporary use at least. Yesterday W. G. Van Vleet went down to Hitchcock, where he was to hold a conference with Vice President Barr of the Santa Fe on the bridge question and other subjects. It is probable that before a month elapses the railways will be running in and out of Galveston—perhaps over only one bridge.

Manager Vaughan of the Western Union is justly proud of the record made by his company. Sunday the poles and wires between Houston and Galveston lay prostrate on the ground and the wires across the bay were all lost when the bridges went down. Sunday morning a small force started out on the line, which by Tuesday was swelled to 250 men. Sunday the cable was shipped from Chicago and with it came C. H. Bristol, general superintendent of construction, and J. C. Hareley, electrician. They superintended the work and yesterday afternoon at 5:45 telegraph communication between Houston and Galveston was re-established after being cut off since Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. It was a remarkable feat. But the local office is entitled to credit for what it has done. The force of forty men has been on continuous duty since Sunday night, or rather some since Sunday, others Monday and the last relay since Tuesday. Every available operator was pressed into service by both the Postal and Western Union, and Austin, Galveston and New Orleans were drawn upon for spare men. Yesterday, Tuesday and Wednesday dispatches came from Galveston with 200 to 300 dispatches apiece. Every city in the country was pouring dispatches into Houston by thousands, asking concerning relatives and friends in Galveston. Never did men work more faithfully and never was a public better served or in a more agreeable manner. Crows thronged the two offices day and night, each eager to get his or her dispatch off, for it told of life or death and made a heart beat with joy or caused it to bleed with sorrow. The entire force certainly deserves the thanks of the public.

A slight error was made in the announcement concerning the transportation of people out of the State free by the railroads. All who are unable to pay fare will be carried free, but those who are able to are expected to pay full fare. If they can not do so, however, then half fare will be accepted. The railroads are anxious to help the indigent, but wish to avoid being imposed upon by well-to-do people or those in fair circumstances. The Katy will have people to St. Louis, and yesterday the following lines connecting with the Texas roads agreed to participate in the Texas agreement: Texas and Pacific, Kansas City, Southern, Cotton Belt and Iron Mountain. Messrs. Hohenthal and Tuttle had their hands full all day yesterday handling the crowds who wanted to go out.

The relief committee are getting the rough edges incidental to new work worn off and are moving along smoothly. It is said that committees do get right down to business so quickly because everything is new to them. After they have been in the harness a short time, though, they get used to the work; it comes easy and natural. There is no display or red tape about the relief work in Houston. The question asked is, "Are you a flood sufferer and where from?" That's all there is to it. They are made to feel they are welcome. That Houston is their new home, for the time being at least, and all their needs are attended to. They need no credentials, identification or endorsements. The supplies were given to supply their needs and while there is no objectionable red tape there is systematic work being done, and good work, too.

A strange feature of the hurricane is the absolute disappearance of the great natural scavenger of the country—the buzzard. Not one is to be seen anywhere, yet it would be supposed that with so many dead bodies of animals and human beings the buzzards would be having a perfect feast. Not only are the buzzards gone, but larks and other birds as well.

Although there are hundreds of railroad men engaged in different branches of the service in Galveston only one lost his life during the hurricane, a Mr. Bell, connected with the auditor's office of the Santa Fe. This gratifying news to the fraternity who have been anxiously asking about the fate of friends. Joe Morrow was through the storm. After Joe's picture appeared in The Post a few days ago Joe asked the railroad reporter to give him back the original photo. The reporter jokingly told him it couldn't be done, because if he did the picture would come in handy. "Do you know," said Joe yesterday, "that during the storm Saturday that picture would come up and save

eral time I thought well, it's going to get a chance to use that picture."

It will be of interest throughout the State to learn that the following steamers are in port in Galveston: Whitehall, Teleford, Conmino, Norma, Ramon de Larina, Woodleigh, Comal, Gyller, City of Everett (a coal steamer), Mexican at quarantine. All these are late arrivals and are all right. The Mex is only lightly grounded. The Alamo and Red Cross can easily be taken off. The Kendall Castle is aground near Texas City and the Alamo is stranded between the old railroad bridges. Alex M. Simpson says: "To try and forget the scenes of Galveston I interested myself when leaving Galveston in taking names of above steamships."

The residence of Mr. Branch Masterson in Galveston, situated near Woolam's lake, was blown across a little bayou and clear across Galveston bay to Texas City. Several of the family letters and articles of value only to the family were recovered. When the house was swept away Mrs. Masterson was lost, though the children were saved. The body of Mrs. Masterson is said to be still under the house. The bayou over which the house passed is a small one. It was thought the body of Mrs. Masterson might be there, so a dredging party was organized to search the bayou. They failed to recover the remains of Mrs. Masterson, but brought up the bodies of fully 500 victims of the storm. They buried forty-seven of these, but the task of interring all was so stupendous they gave it up.

The taxable values of Galveston are \$26,000,000, and the county officials of that county estimate that two-thirds of this has been destroyed. In other words, the loss is over \$17,000,000 in round numbers. This leaves the value of the city to be between \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,000. The belief is now that the city will at least be partially rebuilt rapidly; that is, sufficient to accommodate the great shipping interests of the port, which are now idle and dormant.

#### SALE OF TICKETS STOPPED.

Mayor Brashers yesterday wrote a letter to the International and Great Northern Railway company stating that the sale of tickets at the depot was one cause of the panic there. He requested that the sale of tickets toward Galveston be stopped and ordered the military and police departments to see that his suggestion was carried out.

In this connection it may be stated that certain parties, after taking legal advice and accompanied by their attorneys, have made formal demand on the railroad companies for tickets entitling them to passage on relief trains, threatening the companies with statutory penalties upon a failure to comply with their demands to sell tickets for passage thereon. It can be understood how those who have loved ones in need of assistance would resort to extreme measures to reach them, but those who would think in times like these of laying a predicate for damage suits against railroad companies that are doing their utmost to serve without compensation a stricken community. Those entitled to transportation should readily procure it on making application to the general relief committee at the city hall, and no good citizen will at such a time seek to take advantage of regulations, the enforcement of which are required by stern necessity and the existence of extraordinary conditions, to loot, through the forms of the law, corporations which have in this emergency proven themselves public servants in the highest sense of the term. An enlightened public sentiment will place its stamp of disapproval upon all such base attempts.

In this time of great public calamity no person of interest has manifested a more unselfish desire to relieve the suffering or has worked more faithfully, incessantly or to better purpose than have the transportation companies centering in Houston. Every facility at their command has been cheerfully tendered to the authorities, having in hand the relief of the injured and destitute. Transportation that could not be purchased was freely given to those entitled to it under the rules and regulations announced and sought to be enforced by those in authority.

#### SOLICITING ASSISTANCE.

Committee Had Applications from Several Suffering Communities.

R. B. Lockins and W. T. Williams advised the committee by mail that they had been appointed a committee by the citizens of Columbia, Texas, to solicit supplies for 491 destitute families there. C. Hinkle, authorized by the Hitchcock relief committee, called on the general committee yesterday, soliciting supplies for his people.

A letter received from John J. Moody, in charge of the Texas City relief station, asked for fifty gallons of oil to be used in burning bodies of human beings and carcasses of animals.

R. H. King, mayor of Alvin, applied for provisions, money and jackknives and added that Alvin was badly in need of assistance.

The relief committee of East Bernard reported fifty families badly in need of assistance at that place.

M. A. Rice of the relief committee at Dickinson wired that rations for 500 were needed at that place and stated that the supply had not yet arrived.

#### Express Company's Contribution.

The Wells-Fargo Express company is doing much for the storm sufferers. The following telegrams explain themselves: G. A. Taft, Superintendent Wells, Fargo & Co., Houston, Texas.

San Francisco, Cal., September 13.—Relief committee to telegrams of yesterday, contribute \$1000 cash in addition to carrying supplies for sufferers free.

Joe J. Valentine, President, Hon. Joseph D. Sayers, Governor, Austin, Texas.

Houston, Texas, September 13.—I am instructed by John J. Valentine, president of Wells, Fargo & Co., to contribute \$1000 cash to the sufferers by Galveston storm. This amount we will pay over to any committee designated by you. Wells, Fargo & Co. Express will also carry free contributions of money, clothing, etc., for the relief of the Texas storm sufferers, when consigned to organized relief committees in this State.

#### A Room for Mothers!

Formerly children cried when they had to take medicine, now they cry for the medicine—Cascarets, the family laxative. All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c.

### Relief Committee Deluged with Telegrams and Communications.

The general relief committee of Houston is being literally deluged with all sorts of communications from every part of the United States, most of them being telegrams and letters conveying contributions. Some very generous donations were made in this manner yesterday.

#### Louisville's Big Appropriation.

Hon. S. H. Brashers, Houston. Louisville, Ky., September 12, 9:02 p. m. Have forwarded this day to major of Galveston \$10,000, New York exchange, voted by our general council for relief suffering. Kindly notify Galveston. Charles H. Weaver, Mayor.

#### Large Lot of Crackers.

Chicago, September 12, 5:48 p. m.—We telegraphed Governor Sayers yesterday morning offering to contribute 500 boxes soda crackers for Galveston sufferers. We have no answer from him. Our factory and all of our stock at Galveston has been entirely destroyed by storm, therefore we will ship you these soda crackers to you from Chicago tomorrow night on special lock island train, running on passenger schedule. Please telegraph us promptly whether or not you can use these soda crackers to good advantage. They will be our best standard goods and will keep fresh for two or three weeks longer. Answer quick. National Biscuit Company.

#### Taking Care of Bolivar Point.

S. H. Brashers, Mayor of Houston. Beaumont, Texas, September 13, 4:32 p. m.—Our boat leaves for Galveston 12 o'clock, 250 barrels lime, cement, etc., 1000 loaves bread, three cars oats, bran, hay, clothing, etc. We are taking care of Bolivar Point and coast. D. P. Wheat, Mayor.

#### Big Lot of Oysters.

Relief Committee Texas Sufferers, Houston, Texas. Houston, La., September 11.—Gentlemen: Confirming our telegram, we ship American express today twelve tubs, 15,000 oysters. Hoping they will help the poor unfortunate. Yours truly, The Oyster and Trading Company, Limited. A. G. Herbert, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### A Liberal Contribution.

Hon. S. H. Brashers, Houston. Houston, Texas, September 13.—Dear Sir: We are in receipt of the following telegram this morning: "We send you \$1447.75 contribution by citizens of Atlanta, Ga., to Galveston sufferers, which please apply to best advantage for them. M. C. to follow. This in addition to \$2500 contributed by city council, which we send direct to mayor of Galveston. (Signed) George S. Gillyer, W. P. Inman, J. N. Craig, committee." We herewith enclose our check for \$1447.75 to be applied to the Galveston sufferers, from the citizens of Atlanta. Yours truly, Inman, Nelms & Co.

#### Money from Nashville.

Hon. S. H. Brashers, Houston. Nashville, Tenn., September 12, 12:32 p. m.—Through the courtesy of the Postal Telegraph company we hand you herewith \$1500 contributed through the Nashville Banner by the patriotic citizens of Nashville within the last twenty-four hours to assist in the relief of the storm sufferers at Galveston. Will you kindly forward this amount to your earliest convenience to Hon. W. C. Jones, mayor, Galveston. Banner Publishing Company. By E. M. Foster, Business Manager.

#### BITS OF GENEROSITY.

A telegram received last night from the Newark, N. J. Evening News stated that \$3500 had been wired to Governor Sayers.

W. H. Morland, manager of the Manitou Mines, a branch of Colorado Springs, Colo., announced in a telegram received late last night that a carload of mineral water was en route.

A telegram from E. P. Turner, general manager of the Texas and Pacific railroad, stated that he had been authorized by Mr. Thorne, general manager, to furnish transportation to refugees from Galveston and that all lines leading out of Houston have been instructed accordingly.

Gieske Bros. received a telegram from A. E. Nettleton instructing them to contribute \$25 for the Galveston sufferers, which was done.

A letter received from A. J. Carothers stating that he had six men with utensils ready to aid in burying the dead anywhere.

Mrs. L. Rosenwald sent a note with \$5 enclosed.

A letter from Mrs. William C. Craig of Austin contained \$5.

A donation of \$50 was received from Navarro lodge No. 17, Knights of Pythias.

D. P. Hale of Sandersville, Ga., sent \$10 in a letter of sympathy.

The sum of \$175 was received from Carey Shaw, cashier of the Simpson bank of Columbus, Texas, subscribed by citizens of that place.

C. R. Johnson, in the clerk's office of the United States courts at Birmingham, Ala., contributed \$5 in a letter of sympathy.

Five dollars were received from C. S. Nunn of Marion, Ky.

A letter written by Sam F. Drake of Winchester, Texas, was accompanied by a contribution of \$70, the amount subscribed by the citizens of that place.

A check on the Farmers' bank of Wadler, Texas, for \$50 was sent in by S. R. Hopkins for citizens of Wadler.

A. Justice & Son of Scott, La., stated in a letter, which contained \$10, that they could bring a force of twenty good, honest, able-bodied farmers and provisions to sustain them if they were needed.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid society of Orange sent in \$15-\$15 from that society and \$5 private donation.

F. W. Heitmann & Co. turned in \$300, a donation by the Erie City Iron works of Erie, Pa.

The Horne & Dant company of St. Paul, Minn., contributed \$50 through the Houston Packing company.

The Berins-Corbes Hardware company remitted a contribution of \$500 for the Winchester Repeating Arms company of New Haven, Conn.

A subscription contribution of \$180.75 was sent in by Mayor W. M. Glenn of Lufkin.

Lovelady, Texas, through Dr. W. B. Collins, cashed in \$15.35 cash in his contributions of clothing and supplies, and advised that that was all that could be sent from there. Lovelady contributed, approximately \$75.

General Passenger and Freight Agent J. E. Leith of the Texas Midland railroad stated in a letter from Terrell that he had notified all agents of his road that donations would be hauled free over the Midland and Houston and Texas Central via Reno.

600 army rations in four of the cars and tents in the others, reached the city last night. The train will be forwarded to Galveston by rail and water today.

Through Borchard & Brasher \$50 was contributed by the Frazer Lubricator company of Chicago.

A check for \$50 was received from Carroll & Richardson.

The Joseph F. Meyer company contributed \$200.

The citizens of Hallettsville sent \$125.

A note from G. A. Taft, local superintendent of the Wells-Fargo Express company, stated in a communication that the president of the company, Mr. John J. Valentine, had instructed that all money and supplies of an express character be carried free over the company's lines.

Meyer & Gimble, proprietors of the Big Boston store, donated sixty pairs hose, fifty belts, thirty-six jackets, twelve shirt waists and six trimmed hats for ladies.

#### WITH THE LADY WORKERS.

Several Contributions of Clothing from Outside Towns.

The lady members of the relief committee were very busy all day yesterday receiving and making clothing, bedding, etc. They have done effective work since the organization of their committee, and are still working with a zeal and energy that is highly commendable.

The cities and towns besides Houston which sent in clothing, etc., yesterday are Austin, Waco, Cuero, Victoria, Mineral Wells and Lake Charles, La.

The employees of the Houston and Texas Central railroad motive power department contributed sixteen large cases of clothes, and the general office employees sent sixty-six packages. While the contributions are liberal much more is needed. In this connection the ladies desire to state that the St. Packard laundry wagons will collect packages on their rounds and deliver them to the committee.

The fire department has assisted the ladies' committee in a tireless manner, and their kindness is greatly appreciated.

Twenty-five children out of the orphan's home at Galveston were given their supper by the Houston ladies' committee last night. The children were en route to the Buckner home in Dallas.

#### Western Union Wires.

The Western Union had one wire through to Galveston for a while yesterday evening, and will have more today. They still have 125 linemen working between Houston and Galveston.

The following telegram speaks for itself: T. P. Cook, Superintendent W. U. Tel. Co., Houston, Texas.

Austin, Texas, September 13.—The free use of your wires for relief measures for Galveston, so generously tendered by you, is fully appreciated and will be gratefully remembered.

Joseph D. Sayers, Governor.

#### THE STEAMER LAWRENCE.

Owner Directs that It Be Turned Over to General Scurry.

The following correspondence between the mayor and Hon. J. H. Kirby, owner of the steamer Lawrence, occurred yesterday:

Hon. J. H. Kirby, City:

Houston, Texas, September 13.—Dear Sir: I am advised by reliable authority, Aldermen Halverson and O'Leary, that the boat you so generously sent to bring over storm sufferers from Galveston is being misapplied for the purpose of private gain, charges of various amounts, about \$2 per head, being made for passage. Hundreds of poor people suffering and some are dying are being left on the island, while others who are strong and well are allowed to depart for a consideration. I appeal to you to have the practice stopped, and am sure you will require that your intention be carried out in letter and spirit.

Truly yours, S. H. Brashers, Mayor.

Hon. S. H. Brashers, Mayor, City: Houston, Texas, September 13.—Dear Sir: I have just received your note with regard to the steamer Lawrence. I have this morning directed that the steamer be turned over to General Scurry for operation.

As chairman of the board of the transportation company of which Mr. Anderson is chairman, to the end that the poor and needy on Galveston island may be brought out promptly and without price.

Captain Ward of the Lawrence advised me yesterday that the boat was being operated under direction of the Galveston, Houston and Henderson railway, and I was informed last night that a charge from Galveston to Houston of \$2 per capita was being made where passengers were able to pay, but that the needy were being brought to Houston without charge.

Very truly yours, John H. Kirby.

#### SCENES AT THE DEPOT.

Upon the Arrival of the Train Bringing Galveston Refugees.

The inbound trainload of Galveston people was unavoidably delayed in leaving Texas City yesterday morning and in consequence did not arrive in the city until about 4 o'clock.

Representatives of all the various committees were waiting at the depot ready to take charge of, or give information to, any of the refugees who were in distress.

The depot was patrolled by a squad of Caldwell Light Guard and twenty armed citizens under Captain Towles to keep the depot and its immediate surroundings clear of the crowd of people who would have otherwise rendered the committees incapable of doing efficient work.

As long as the relief trains continue to run no one save those on the relief committee will be allowed to come any nearer the depot than Congress street, so they had as well stay away.

Wednesday, was crowded, having fully 1000 people aboard.

One lady, despite the vigilance of the guard, attracted attention by running up from Galveston, when she called son, and throwing her arms around his neck, sobbed violently.

This seemed to be the signal for several of the women and children who came in from Galveston to give way to their pent up feelings, and for several moments the scene was heartrending.

#### Storm Damage Near Houston.

The Rankin place, seven miles southwest of Houston, was completely destroyed by the storm of Saturday night.

Mr. E. Lemper reports that the house was blown into thousands of pieces and the family was saved by getting in a barn of hay. All they had left was what they wore.

William Baker, whose place adjoins Mr. Rankin's, was damaged about \$1500. Mr. Josie Hayer, who had charge of the Baker place, also sustained serious loss.



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36-inch Fall Percales, worth 12 1/2-2c a yard, special for Friday..... 5c  
Light Outings, pretty coloring, worth 10c a yard, special..... 5c  
Turkey Red Table Damask, worth 40c a yard, at only..... 19c  
Ladies' Colored Border Handkerchiefs, each only..... 1c  
Remainder of our Children's Hats, worth \$2.00, at only..... 19c  
Ladies' Umbrella Drawers, ruffled edge in embroidery, worth 50c, at only..... 25c  
Ladies' Crash Skirts, sold as high as \$3.98 and \$4.98, to close at only..... 98c  
Ladies' Corded Stitch Felt Walking Hats, worth 98c, at only..... 49c

#### SPECIALS.

500 yards Embroideries, Insertings and Laces, from 2 to 1 inch wide, and sold from 15c to 25c a yard, special for Friday only..... 5c  
36-inch Soft Finish Domestic, 10 yards for..... 49c  
20-inch Huck Toweling, worth 8c, special for only..... 4 1/2c  
a 3-yard Skirt pattern for only..... 2 1/2c  
Ladies' Chenille Dotted Veiling, slightly soiled, worth 50c a yard, at only..... 10c  
Ladies' and Children's Sun Bonnets, at only..... 19c  
Ladies' Gowns, tucked yoke, Cambric ruffles in neck and sleeves, worth 65c, at only..... 39c  
The very late Rainy-Day Skirt, worth \$8.98, special for today only..... 4.98  
36-inch Unbleached Domestic, worth 7c a yard, 10 yards for..... 49c

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